

Serum and Serum Products for Technical Purposes General Information

These requirements do not apply to blood products for animal consumption, which are covered elsewhere.

Taiwanese importers must require an import permit from Taiwanese authorities (BAPHIQ) prior to importing serum for technical purposes (purposes other than animal consumption). APHIS does not require the US exporter to present a copy of the Taiwanese import permit prior to endorsing shipments for export (unless the exporter receives an exemption from the requirements as noted herein).

The import of sheep and goat serum for commercial purposes is prohibited. Permission to import research quantities for research purposes may be granted to the individual Taiwanese importer by BAPHIQ.

Plant Certificates

In addition to the requirement for each shipment to be certified by, BAPHIQ requires the Taiwanese importer to present a “Plant Certificate” prior to issuing an import permit. This certificate is the “Plant Certification for Manufacturers/Processors of Technical Serum to be Exported to Taiwan.”

This certificate must contain detailed information on the species and country of origin of animal origin materials handled at the serum processing facility. Only livestock species need to be included (e.g., human blood does not need to be listed).

Issuance of the certificate by APHIS does not constitute assurance that BAPHIQ will grant the required import permit. BAPHIQ approval will depend upon the species/country of origin of materials and the methods employed to prevent commingling. APHIS will not be advised or maintain a list of “approved facilities.” Approval is specific to the importer and what the importer is importing, as well as being based upon the plant certificate. BAPHIQ will notify Taiwanese importers if the importer is approved to import a given commodity from a given facility.

Only one plant certificate per producer is required to be issued. The certificate never has to be renewed. However, if the information on the certificate changes- the facility decides to handle materials not noted on the certificate- then the facility will need to seek an updated certificate prior to BAPHIQ issuing an import permit to allow the import of the new materials. [Each shipment does require a separate VS Form 16-4.]

Information included in the plant certificate below the line: “This office has on file a notarized affidavit from _____ *(name of processing plant)* verifying the accuracy of statements below” must be an exact quote of the information included in the body of the notarized affidavit from the company official. [This does not

include the closing statement which should be on the affidavit “I certify that the statements listed above are true and to the best of my knowledge and belief.”] No additional information may be included.

Two version of the certificate are included on this website. One is “letter-sized” and one is “legal-sized.” The legal-sized version should only be used when the extra space is required in section IIIB of the certificate (to describe the method of cleaning or disinfectant). Information provided in this section should be concise and to the point-attachments should not be necessary.